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SUBJECT; JAPANESE RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIET- NAM

1. DURING MAY 1 MEETING WITH SNEIDER AND ERICSON, FONOFF AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWARA INDICATED THAT DOMESTIC PRESSURE FOR RECOGNITION OF NVN HAD INCREASED IN WAKE OF MIYAKE VISIT TO HANOI. WHILE SOME ELEMENTS ARE PUSHING FOR MOVEMENT TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH NVN, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU POSITION IS THAT MOVES IN THAT DIRECTION SHOULD BE COORDINATED AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE WITH US. THIS VIEW HAS SO FAR PREVAILED AS INDICATED BY FULL BRIEFING ON MIYAKE VISIT.

2. SNEIDER INDICATED THAT KEY PROBLEM IN RECOGNITION OF NVN IS QUESTION OF TIMING. NOTING OUR CURRENT DIFFICULTIES IN INDUCING NVN TO OBSERVE CEASE- FIRE AGREEMENT, HE EMPHASIZED OUR HOPE THAT JAPAN WILL NOT ACT AT THIS TIME AND HAMPER OUR EFFORTS BY MOVING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS BEFORE IT IS CLEAR THAT NVN WILL FULFILL
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AGREEMENT. OKAWARA, NOTING PRESSURES FOR RECOGNITION, ASKED WHAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TIMING. SNEIDER RESPONDED THAT WE COULD NOT ANSWER AT THIS TIME GIVEN NVN RECORD ON CEASE- FIRE COMPLIANCE, BUT WE SHOULD KEEP

IN CLOSE CONSULTATION ON THIS ISSUE. HE URGED AGAIN THAT
GOJ CONSULT WITH US BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION. RUSH

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